

# Allegations of sex abuse by priest called 'credible'

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Allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest who has served in several Rochester-area churches in the past five decades have been deemed credible, according to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

"An allegation concerning sexual abuse of a minor dating back to the mid-1970s against the Rev. Conrad Sundholm, a retired priest now living in Florida, has been determined to be credible," Diocese spokesman Doug Mandelaro said in a printed statement.

Sundholm was pastor at St. Salome's Church in Irondequoit when the abuse allegedly occurred. He served there from 1974 to 1982.

The announcement was initially made over the weekend, by pastors of all of the churches in which Sundholm had previously served. The news was announced during Mass, in an effort to reach out to anyone who may have fur-

## Reporting abuse

To report a case of possible sexual abuse to the Diocese of Rochester, victims are encouraged to contact Barbara Pedeville at (585) 328-3228, ext. 1215 or [pedeville@do-r.org](mailto:pedeville@do-r.org). Sexual abuse victims should also report any abuse to local police.

ther information about the incident.

Sundholm, 80, was ordained on June 4, 1955. Prior to retiring in 1999, he also served at Blessed Sacrament parish in Rochester (1955-60); Sacred Heart Cathedral (1960-65) in Rochester; St. Mary's in Auburn, Cayuga County (1965-71); St. Cecilia in Irondequoit (1971-74); and Holy Family/St. Aloysius in Auburn (1982-99).

Bishop Matthew H. Clark has withdrawn Sundholm's priestly faculties, which means Sundholm can no longer perform any type of service or public ministry, Mandelaro said. □

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